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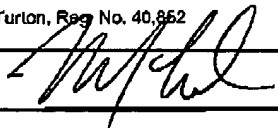
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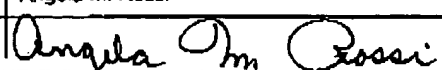
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2005, Applicant submits the following.

The Examiner has required restriction among the following claims:

Group I, claims 1-12 and 18-20, drawn to an apparatus; and

Group II, claims 13-17, drawn to a method.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12 and 18-20, drawn to an apparatus.

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